

MINUTES
McLEAN COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH
REGULAR MEETING – JULY 14, 2010

MEMBERS PRESENT: Steadman, Kerber, Moss, Powell, and Turley

MEMBERS ABSENT: Emm and Tello

STAFF PRESENT: Howe, Anderson, Coverston Anderson, Nolen, and Voss

CALL TO ORDER: Steadman was unable to call the Board of Health meeting to order because of a lack of quorum. It was decided to listen to the summary of Illinois Mission of Mercy Dental Clinic.

Howe explained Attachment G., Summary of Illinois Mission of Mercy Dental Clinic, noting that the clinic was well received. Dr. Steadman added that a lot of children received dental care and that those in attendance were very appreciative. He also noted that numerous dentists, both state-wide and local, volunteered and their efforts were outlined in the service summary contained in Attachment G.

CALL TO ORDER: Steadman called the Board of Health meeting to order at 5:45 p.m., with no corrections to the agenda.

PUBLIC PRESENT: None

MINUTES: Steadman requested approval for the minutes of June 9, 2010. Moss identified a correction on page 2, 2nd paragraph, 4th sentence. Combination vaccines are now being grouped together, eliminating several vaccines..... It was suggested that the word “eliminating” be replaced with allowing to clarify that combination vaccines were reducing the number of immunizations but not the number of vaccines being provided.

Kerber/Turley moved and seconded the approval for the minutes of June 9, 2010, after replacing the word “eliminating”, with allowing. Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Bills to be Paid (May 2010)		
Health Department	112-61	\$312,208.71
Dental Sealant	102-61	28,535.46
WIC	103-61	37,764.36
Preventive Health	105-61	16,906.30
Family Case Mngmt	106-61	79,096.34
AIDS/CD	107-61	32,166.46

Kerber/Moss moved and seconded the approval for the Consent Agenda as printed. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Coverston Anderson reported that the Scott Commission representative, Susan Albee, had given her a copy of the minutes from the June 9th meeting. The Commission is reviewing the provision of paying for ambulance services. In review of the prior months vision program, Coverston Anderson noted the program received 57 referrals and provided 73 pairs of glasses. 100 individuals received vision care services during the month of May.

OLD BUSINESS: Howe requested approval for both the Animal Warden and Animal Control Center Intergovernmental agreements with the City of Bloomington and Town of Normal. Howe indicated that these were continuing agreements. Coverston Anderson gave a summary of the services being provided noting that the Town of Normal agreement underwent 3 revisions before final approval.

Moss/Powell moved and seconded the CONTINUING AGREEMENTS for both the Animal Warden and Animal Control Center for the City of Bloomington and Town of Normal. Motion carried.

Howe requested approval for the Fee Resolution, held over after the June Board meeting, with proposed changes for immunization fees. He explained the justification included in the Board packet, Attachment H. Howe explained the potential impact of establishing a price cap per individual per visit. He emphasized that the Health Department didn't want to create a barrier for immunization services, but wanted to assure adequate fiscal support for the immunization program. After looking into the issue it was decided that the price cap was not needed.

Turley inquired when the price increase is to go in effect. Howe explained that once Board approval is received it will be implemented August 1st.

Moss/Powell moved and seconded the approval for the Board of Health Fee Resolution amending the fee schedule for immunizations, without a price cap. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS: Howe requested approval for the CONTINUING GRANT, FY10 Summer Food Program noting that it is a routine amendment and provides \$100 per inspection. Anderson added that the program has grown to about seven establishments that provide meals for children enrolled in summer programs at local organizations.

Powell/ Kerber moved and seconded the approval for the CONTINUING GRANT, FY10 Summer Food Program. Motion carried.

Howe requested approval for the FY11 Public Health Emergency Preparedness grant which is an extension agreement for the Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) grant, and extends the current grant for an additional 12 months from July 31, 2010 until July 31, 2011. Howe explained that this carry over will allow the Department to use unexpended resources throughout the next year.

Turley/Kerber moved and seconded the approval to the extension agreement for the Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) grant. Motion carried.

Howe requested approval for the tentative awards for the FY11 DHS grants: WIC in the amount of \$393,300; Family Case Management in the amount of \$384,685 and Teen Parent in the amount of \$70,000. Howe explained that the Breastfeeding grant preliminarily shows an increase from \$20,000 last year to \$38,000 this year. Howe also noted that HealthWorks and Teen Parent Services were reduced but that all others show modest increases. However, he reminded the Board that these are estimates and amounts may decrease or increase. Moss inquired about the Farmer's Market grant in the amount of \$1,000. Both Howe and Nolen stated that WIC clients are able to spend vouchers at the Farmer's Market to purchase fresh vegetables.

Moss/Turley moved and seconded to approve the tentative awards for the FY11 DHS grants as printed. Motion carried.

Howe requested approval for the Budget and FTE Amendments for both Fund 0102 Dental and Fund 0105 Vision & Hearing (Preventive Health), which are the result of additional service provision resulting in additional staff expense and revenue. The increase in the Vision and Hearing is the result of expanded services in both the school based programs and the specialized Medicaid program. The dental amendment results from the increase in clinic time from 3.5 days per week to 5 days per week. Howe explained that both funds are self balancing and increased expenses are off-set with additional Medicaid revenue.

Kerber/Powell moved and seconded to approve the Budget and FTE Amendments for both Fund 0102 Dental and Fund 0105 Vision & Hearing (Preventive Health). Motion carried.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Howe explained that the plan is to have the FY11 Budget presentation at the September 8th Board meeting. It is a quarterly meeting.

Howe stated that the replacement for Dr. Pilcher's Board position has been selected and plans are moving forward to have him confirmed by the County Board. His name is Dr. David Naour, a surgeon in the Twin Cities.

Howe reported that progress on the Web-site is being made. Several local contractors, as well as a national contractor, have been interviewed and the proposals came in lower than anticipated. The County IT program has attended the selection interviews 2122122212212121. Steadman inquired about the cost comparison and if it was budget neutral. Howe explained that once development is complete, maintenance will be close to what we are currently paying the County for routine support.

Moss questioned why this process wasn't done in-house. Howe explained that two current Health Department employees have the expertise to maintain the Website on a day-to-day basis, but that the County IT department doesn't have the staff necessary to develop the Website.

STAFF REPORTS: Anderson reported for the Environmental Health Division that staff has been working with the New Food Sanitation Code. Effective July 1, 2010, food not properly labeled must be discarded. If the food items are labeled correctly than it can be held for seven days. Anderson stated that staff has been conducting food classes for establishments so that the new food code wouldn't be a surprise. To-date six classes have been held and it has worked out well.

Anderson noted that currently the number of food establishments is over 800. Within the last two weeks, five restaurants have closed but since January 1st, there has been a net gain of one establishment with 37 closed and 38 opened.

Anderson stated that staff working in the West Nile virus program has tested 1,579 mosquitoes all of which have been negative. In addition, the Department has submitted 3 birds for testing and one returned positive.

Anderson reported that staff is preparing for the McLean County Fair which is August 4th through the 8th.

Nolen reported for the Maternal/Child Health Services Division noting that the HealthWorks program had 17 children come into care in June. Reasons included physical abuse, being left home alone, drugs in the home and general neglect.

Nolen gave an update about the First Book grant and that the Department was able to distribute about 500 books to clients. She explained that besides English they also have bilingual and Spanish only books. The books about foods and eating are being used in WIC nutrition education classes. Nolen also noted that age appropriate books are being provided to teen parents along with books for their children.

Nolen stated that the Parent Café team is planning to host 3 Cafés in the fall along with another Parent Leadership training series. Parents Care and Share along with the Baby Fold partner with AOK for these activities. The AOK program is helping to plan a Community Resource Fair for the Back-to-school Night at Cedar Ridge Elementary, formerly Brigham Elementary.

Nolen reported that WIC caseload for June was 2891, the highest caseload ever and 99% of the current caseload assignment. The breastfeeding initiation rate for June was 73% with a goal of 75% and the 6 month breastfeeding duration rate was 32% with a goal of 30%.

Nolen stated that an ISU graduate student is completing her WIC rotation with the department this week and an ISU undergrad dietetics student recently began her WIC experience with the department.

Nolen explained that in June, 6 WIC staff completed recertification on issuing special formulas used by medically fragile infants.

Nolen reported that Illinois Department of Human Services hired Altarum institute to develop strategies for implementing a new participant-centered model of WIC service delivery with the goal of positive nutrition and health related behavior changes. The MCHD WIC program volunteered, and was selected, to be one of 4 sites that Altarum consultants will observe for 2 to 3 days in August.

Nolen explained that the APORS and Medical Case Management audit responses were submitted and approved. DHS consultants are scheduled for a follow-up visit in August. Nolen stated that the TPS program is offering special events for teen parents. DHS requires teens to participate in 30 hours of activities during the summer months. Community partners for these events have included the Bloomington Public Library, Commerce Bank, Bloomington housing Authority, Healthy Start programs from the Baby Fold and The Children's Foundation, and the Community Cancer Association.

Nolen reported that the Family Case Management program in June linked 42 of the 79 pregnant clients to OB care providers and assigned pediatricians for 58 of them. Nolen was happy to report that since opening up services for pregnant client to every day of the week, the no-show rate for appointments has dropped to 13% with an additional 5% who called to cancel. Nolen stated that when pregnant clients were only seen on Tuesdays, the no-show rate was as high as 40%. On another note, the overall June no-show rate for WIC certification was 27%.

Nolen noted that the plans are being finalized for this year's Breastfeeding Friends Fair to be held on Tuesday, August 3rd from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. She distributed copies of the hand-out and invited the Board to attend.

Coverston Anderson gave the Community Health Services report beginning with the Communicable Disease program, noting that the Leptospirosis tests came back negative from the CDC and noted that meningitis can occur with Lepto infection. Area hospitals were asked to watch for meningitis cases.

Coverston Anderson reported that National HIV Testing Day was June 27, 2010. The Health Department held two testing events on both June 25th and 28th. A total of 17 tests were provided; of these 11 individuals were in our target group, MSM. Coverston noted that normally the Department tests a total of 17 individuals per month.

Coverston Anderson shared that the STD site review is Tuesday, July 20th and staff is preparing for that. Coverston Anderson compared the Hep B vaccine rates which will be assessed; 33% for the initiation rate, 1st dose with a target goal of 50%, 75% for the 2nd dose with a target goal of 50%, and 45% for the final, 3rd dose with a target goal of 25%. The Department hasn't met the goal for the 1st dose but exceeds the goal for the 2nd and 3rd dose.

Coverston Anderson updated the 1 active case of TB who started directly observed therapy (DOT) on July 12th. This case is linked to about 15 others that occurred at a homeless shelter in Aurora, IL. She further explained that this case is extra pulmonary (in pleural fluid), smear negative, culture negative, so the client is not contagious.

Coverston Anderson explained that the ARRA grant expires on December 31, 2010. The nurse in charge of the program returned from her maternity leave and is busy with the increased demands for the grant.

Coverston Anderson reported that the in light of the question of held over PHEP/PHER grant funding a weekly spending plan has been instituted. Staff has been looking at supply requests and needs.

Coverston Anderson stated that in the Animal Control program the intern produced a great Power Point presentation for children covering Rabies prevention. Today, in front of some children, a raccoon fell out of a tree. You may hear more about this.

Coverston Anderson shared that in June, the Dental Clinic supervisor wrote a proposal to receive \$50,000 in grant funds from the Illinois Children's Healthcare Foundation. If received, the grant would allow for the purchase of a new dental chair, panorex, and autoclave. Steadman inquired about the donated panorex machine. Coverston Anderson noted that it isn't working.

The dental clinic is looking to purchase a flat screen TV for the Dental Clinic waiting area to provide educational information to parents while they're waiting for the completion of their child's appointment.

Coverston Anderson noted that with the resignation of a part-time vision and hearing technician, staff is preparing to hire a new one soon just in time for the busy season.

BOARD ISSUES: Howe explained that Voss had an idea to send the Board packets through Email as both a savings in postage and time. Something to think about, it could be beneficial.

ADJOURN: Kerber moved and the Board of Health meeting was adjourned at 6:38 p.m.